

REMARKS

Claims 18 and 19 are pending and stand rejected in this application. Claim 19 has been canceled without prejudice, claim 18 has been amended and claims 20-22 have been added by the present Amendment. No new matter is added by the amendment to claim 18 and the addition of claims 20-22.

DRAWING OBJECTIONS

The drawings are objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83 (a) as failing to show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Specifically, the Examiner maintains that the drawings fail to show "the first projected portion of the pixel electrode form a *substantially elliptical or curved shape*" as recited in claim 18; and "a second substrate, an (common electrode) formed on the second substrate having a second opening in or a second projected portion form a substantially elliptical or curved shape", as recited in claim 19.

Applicants have amended claim 18 to recite, *inter alia*, that a pixel electrode has a plurality of openings, wherein outlines of the pixel electrode are curved. Further, claim 18 has been amended to recite a plurality of projected portions on the first substrate. Claim 19 has been canceled.

Applicants respectfully submit that the features in amended claim 18 appear in the drawings. For example, members 21 are shown in Figs. 1-6 and described, for example, at page 4, lines 13-16, and page 5, lines 3-6. The openings 81 are shown, for example, in Figs. 1, 3, 5 and 6, and described, for example, at page 4, line 23 – page 5, line 3, and page 7, lines 13-14. The outlines of the pixel electrode being curved is shown, for example, in Figs. 5 and 6, and described, for example, at page 7, lines 5-8,

and page 8, lines 8-11.

Applicants submit that no new matter is added by the new drawings and amendments to the specification, since there is support for the new drawings and the amended portion of the specification, found, for example, at page 8, lines 12-17 of Applicants' disclosure, which states that the projections and the openings may be provided on both panels, and have planar shapes the same as those of the first to fourth embodiments. See, page 8, lines 12-17.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84, Applicants file herewith new drawing sheets for new Figs. 10A-10B and 11A-11B, which have been labeled "New Sheet".

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the objection to the drawings.

OBJECTION TO SPECIFICATION AND REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the objection to the specification as failing to provide antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter, the rejection of claims 18-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement, and the rejection of claims 18-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Specifically, the Examiner maintains that the original specification does not disclose "the first projected portion of the pixel electrode form a *substantially elliptical or curved shape*" as recited in claim 18; and "a second substrate, an (common electrode) formed on the second substrate having a second opening in or a second projected portion form a substantially elliptical or curved shape", as recited in claim 19.

Applicants respectfully submit that the features in amended claim 18 appear in the written portion of the specification, and the drawings which also can be relied on to satisfy the written description requirement. For example, as stated above, members 21 are shown in Figs. 1-6 and described, for example, at page 4, lines 13-16, and page 5, lines 3-6. The openings 81 are shown, for example, in Figs. 1, 3, 5 and 6, and described, for example, at page 4, line 23 – page 5, line 3, and page 7, lines 13-14. The outlines of the pixel electrode being curved is shown, for example, in Figs. 5 and 6, and described, for example, at page 7, lines 5-8, and page 8, lines 8-11.

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Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the objection to the specification and the rejections of claims 18-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

An early and favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any further questions or comments, the Examiner may telephone Applicants' Attorney to reach a prompt disposition of this application.

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